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Mr. Wells found that considerable interest was taken in the legislation of last session bearing on the encouragement of the pulp industry. There is a growing demand for the important articles of commerce which exceeds the expectations of the Eastern manufacturers and capitalists. In some cases the total output of pulp and paper is contracted for fully a year in advance. This state of affairs can lead to but one result, and that is that British Columbia must be looked to in the near future as the most favorable field for operations in this industry. The Northwest may for a time be under some disadvantage from foreign competition, but that will be compensated by other means. The large reserve of capital which is now lying idle in the East awaiting investment, must in itself necessitate looking beyond the Eastern provinces, and if only required the legislation of last session to insure to British Columbia the establishment within her borders of this important and growing industry.

Asked as to the probability of the Dominion government contributing to the cost of the Fraser river bridge, Mr. Wells said the matter had been represented to the Ottawa cabinet, the importance of the undertaking had been fully explained and they seemed impressed with the responsibility of the province in regard to it. As soon as the tenders are received and the government are informed as to the exact cost of the work, it is their intention to make a claim upon the Dominion for a contribution. In this they will only be following a well established custom, which has become a matter of policy with the Dominion in other provinces where the federal government has given millions in aid of similar works. The distinctive feature of the New Westminster bridge is that it will be international in character, will connect the growing demands of local traffic.

While in the East Mr. Wells had many inquiries regarding immigration to the province. Manitoba and the Territories are getting more immigrants and of a better class than the tide will set in towards British Columbia. He was pleased to see that during his absence Mr. Gosnell had completed the arrangements for the colonization of Malcolm Island with Finns. There are two other

vessels in Santiago; that he did not do his utmost to destroy the Co. on which he caused the squadron to lose distance in the loop of the Brooklyn; that he thereby caused the Spanish to have the time he did justice to Holloman; that his conduct in the campaign was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise; that his official reports on the coal supply were misleading, and inaccurate; that his conduct during the battle was self-possessed, and that he encouraged in his own person his subordinates.

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CALLING OUT CONSCRIPTS.

Chili Taking Precautions Against Trou-
ble With Argentine Republic.

London, Dec. 13.—The Times, in its
second edition, today publishes a de-
script from Yahweh under today's
date announcing that decrees have been
published calling out a sufficient num-
ber of conscripts and territorial guards
to place 30,000 men at the disposal of
Chili to protect the mountain passes.

DEPOSIT REFUNDED.

Connors Gets Most of His Money Back
From Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The harbor com-
missioners this morning decided to re-
fund W. J. Connors, the Buffalo steamer
operator, \$47,000 of the \$50,000 which he deposited as evidence of good
faith when a suit was started in the
harbor for a million dollars' damages
but which he subsequently failed to build, after having broken ground
owing to the failure of the syndicate to
obtain money to carry out the project.

COLLEGE COMBINE.

Move to Amalgamate Maritime Province
Institutions.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—The governors of
King's college, together with representa-
tives of every leading college in the
Maritime provinces, held a meeting be-
hind closed doors yesterday to discuss
the advisability of the amalgamation of
their interests and forming a Maritime
Province college, which would compare
with McGill university, Montreal. A
committee was appointed to look into
the question.

HANGED.

Joseph Leplaine Executed at Montreal
Jail.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Jos. Leplaine was
hanged at 8 o'clock this morning at
Montreal jail for the murder of Mrs.
Louis Lefebvre, with whom he boarded,
on May 16 last. The murderer was the
result of jealousy. Unsuccessful efforts
were made to have the sentence commuted
to life imprisonment on the ground that
Leplaine was insane, but the government refused to interfere.

PRICE OF COPPER.

Eric Tinto Too Strong for Rockefeller to
Fight.

London, Dec. 13.—The directors of the
Eric Tinto company have now meeting
here daily, though quite informally, since
the copper crisis became acute. A re-
porter of the Associated Press was affi-
liated with the meeting, and it was
inferred that whatever settlement may be
arrived at now lies entirely with the
amalgamated company. The Eric Tinto
company has made a proposition, but so far
has received no indication of the action
the amalgamated company proposes to
take. A feeling prevails that the conditions
will not be altered in the immediate
future.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that if
Mr. Rockefeller has really thrown down
the gauntlet to the Rothschilds, which
the paper thinks improbable, there can
be little doubt of the Rothschilds' victory.
The Pall Mall Gazette adds: "The
Eric Tinto company are in the position
to regard with equanimity a further drop
of twenty shillings per ton, but not so
the Standard Oil company, who have to
concern the possibility of a general
swoop of the American market."

Rio Tinto, the three-eighths of the
company, has slightly improved on last
night's price.

ENGINE DRIVERS' PAY.

Conference Between Officials and C. P.
R. Locomotive Engineers.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special)—A com-
mittee representing the Canadian Pacific
railway locomotive engineers, has
been in conference with the officials of
the transportation department for the
last few days, discussing the question
of the schedule rates of engineers on
branch lines, with a view to bringing
their rates up to near the wages earned
by the main line men. It was stated
this morning that the conference had
been of a friendly nature and amicable
arrangements had almost been reached
and were likely to be announced in a
day or two.

RAILWAY GRADING.

Work Almost Complete Between Grand
Forks and Marcus.

Grand Forks, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The
grading of the Great Northern and the
V. V. & E. railways between here and
Marcus, Wash., is completed with the
exception of three small gaps over
which represent heavy rock work near
Half's Ferry, on the United States side,
below Cascade, B.C. The other is a
cut 850 feet long through a sand hill be-
tween Cascade and Gilpin's. The aver-
age depth of the excavation will be 65
feet. The contractors have installed a
steam shovel with a capacity of 2,000
cubic yards daily, as well as a smaller
shovel with a capacity of 600 cubic
yards daily. At the present rate of
progress the work will be completed in
three months, but it is likely a night
shift will be put on shortly, enabling the
job to be finished at an earlier date.

The Great Northern track-laying ma-
chine now at Marcus has rails on
one-half mile daily. The Rockland Copper company, re-
cently incorporated with a capital of
\$22,000,000, has elected the following
board of directors: President, Jay P.
Gates; vice-president, H. N. Gaten;
secretary-treasurer, G. W. Wooster;
Judie Ward Spinks and C. H. Wolf.
The group, which is located on Sloane
Hill, will be developed on an extensive
scale next spring.

VANCOUVER HOSPITAL.

Recommendation That a New Building
Be Erected.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—(Special)—A pub-
lic meeting was held last night to dis-
cuss the hospital question. The meet-
ing favored control by a board of man-
agers, instead of the corporation. The
report of the medical association was
read by Dr. Taitman. The association
favored a new hospital, built with
another more substantial than the present
one. The hospital should be large
enough to accommodate 300 patients,
and there should be suitable offices and
pursers' quarters. They thought that
the provincial government could be in-
duced to help substantially, as they had
given \$25,000 to the Jubilee hospital last
year, and \$5,000 to the Revelstoke hospital.
The city would no doubt also
guarantee the interest on a loan. A site
in Fairview was favored by the meet-
ing. A committee of seven was chosen
to further the objects of the meeting.

Mr. McFarlane, manager of the Sav-
ety Powder company, near Ladysmith,
asked the Colonist to say that the
report that their property had changed
hands is incorrect.

BANK OF COMMERCE.

Earnings for Six Months Largest in Its
History.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The Can-
adian Bank of Commerce issued its gen-
eral statement today, covering six
months to November 30. The earnings,
the largest in the history of the bank for
a similar period, were \$145,305, of
which dividends take \$80,000, and after
expenses \$65,000 to bank
and pensions. Total \$131,000 was
added to the balance of profit and loss.
The circulation has reached \$7,265,206,
with within a million dollars the circulation
of the Bank of Montreal.
Public deposits have grown to \$51,673,-
95.

TO JOIN CHURCH.

Business Man to Become a Baptist
Person.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—T. B. Brown, a
well known business man of this city,
has decided to accept the pastorate of
the Baptist church at Sherbrooke, Que.
He will give up business and enter the
ministry. His ordination will take
place in January.

OFF FOR HALIFAX.

Ontario and Quebec Troopers Pass
Lewis.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—A special on the Inter-
colonial with Ontario and Montreal
men for the Mounted Rifles on board
reached Lewis at 3:40 this afternoon.
Fourteen Quebec men joined the train
which left in a few minutes for Hall-
ifax.

Burned to Death In Their Shack

Mrs. Keeler and Child Lose Their
Lives in Fire at Ross
Bay.

Old Man Escapes in His Night
Clothes Just in
Time.

The shack in which the Keelars lived
on Dallas road, facing Ross bay, was
destroyed by fire last night, and Mrs.
Mary Ann Keeler and the child were
burned to death. Their charred remains
were found in the embers of the de-
stroyed shack. Old man Keeler es-
caped in his nightshirt, and was found
standing at the gate, gazing in a dazed
manner at the burning shack by Herbert
Holdis, son of the keeper of the Old
Men's Home. He was placed in a
hack, whose driver had been attracted
to the scene by the blaze and taken
to the Old Men's Home. He was wringing
his hands and wondering what had
become of his wife and child. Later the
searchers found their charred bodies
burned until they were unrecognizable,
buried among the ruins of the destroyed
shack, in which the Keelars have for
some time made their home.

The cause of the fire is unknown, for
nothing is left but a heap of embers to
mark where the home stood, but the
general supposition is that the Keelars
upset a lamp. According to the neighbors,
they were quarreling earlier in the
night, for Mrs. Keeler and her children
passed the Keeler residence about
8:30 p.m. She had them using very
sharp language and scuffling. Others tell
of quarreling between the Keelars. The
survivor, the old man, says that he and
the woman and child retired at 8:30 p.m.,
and he was awakened by the crackling
of the burning bushes to see the
house in flames. He ran out and stood
at the gate of the fence which surrounded
the house, dazed and hardly knowing
what to do.

The building burned quickly, and
hardly had the old man left it in his
nightshirt when it was shrouded in
flame and the victims of the flames
must have been quickly overcome. It
was about 10:15 when the fire was seen
from the city, and the bodies of the
Keelars were found in the bushes near
the shack, which were burnt
down about a year ago. They were a
ways in trouble ever since living in the
immigrant sheds, not only quarreling among
themselves, but in their difficulties with
tenants, and on several occasions
the old man armed himself with a shot
gun and threatened to shoot those inter-
fering with him. On one occasion he
fashioned a bow and arrow to go on the
war path after the boys who annoyed
him. The people of the vicinity were
anxious about his undesirable neighbors.

When the sheds were burned down the
family went out to Cedar Hill district
and after Mr. Gray lost his life by falling
over the cliff on Dallas road, they
moved to his cabin amongst the clumps
of trees facing the roadway, half-way
down the hill from Clover point to Ross
Bay cemetery.

The Keelars have been well known
characters of this city for several years,
having come here five or six years ago
from Vancouver and taking up their
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Capt. Beach having been postponed to
next Saturday. An excellent musical
programme has been prepared which will
include Leslie Stuart's "Florodora";
Lamps' "Creole Belles" and many other
pleasing numbers.

DRILL DAY CONCERT.—There were about 100
couple-uses at the dance given by the
City band in the A. O. U. W. hall last
evening, and a thoroughly enjoyable
time was spent by all. The hall was
nicely decorated with bunting and the
floor was in fine condition for dancing.
An orchestra of 12 pieces supplied the
latest popular music, and the result was
so encouraging that it has been decided
to give a dance every month during
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RENAWAY ACCIDENT.—There was a
runaway accident on Fort street yes-
terday afternoon in which Messrs. Gar-
rett and McMasters of Vancouver were
both injured. They were driving up the
street when their horse took fright and
ran into an approaching car and swerved,
threw them out of the buggy. Mr.
Gardner was slightly injured and
Mr. McMasters was severely shaken.
They were cared for at the home of
Chief Langley, opposite where the
accident occurred, until the arrival of
the ambulance to take them to the hos-
pital. The rig was badly damaged.

ABSURD MAIL REGULATIONS.

PARCELS Must Go to Vancouver to Be
Despatched on Outbound Steamers
From Victoria.

The ridiculous mail regulations en-
forced in this city—a feature of which
was recorded yesterday morning regard-
ing the delay of Northern mails—is
again illustrated in the matter of the
local government parcels forwarded by
mail. As in the case of the northern
mails, Vancouver is made the distributing
point, and although steamers may
sail from Victoria with the mail, that mail,
when it is classed as parcel post,
cannot be put on board the steamer here.
It must be sent to Vancouver and
brought back again to Victoria, for such
are the absurdities of red tape. Thus
when the steamer *Alouette* sailed yesterday
for the Antilles she carried none of the
parcels mailed at the Victoria post office later than Thursday
evening, as those mailed yesterday
could not be despatched to Vancouver in
time to catch the *Alouette* there, and the
regulations forbid their being
shipped on the steamer at the outer
wharf last night with the letter mail.
Thus, through the ridiculous absurdities
of the postal arrangements Victoria is
greatly handicapped.

It is not long since Vancouver was
made the distributing point for the
mails, and peculiar conditions are
brought about as that told of yesterday
when the steamer *Alouette* arrived here 12
hours before the mail she brought from
the North, owing to its delay at Van-
couver.

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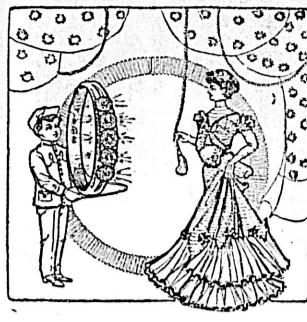
Hood's Sarsaparilla was given the daughter
of Sir Verney, Wawaring, N. Y., who
was broken by scrofula sores all over her
face and head. The first bottle helped her
turned to death, their charred remains
were found in the embers of the de-
stroyed shack. Old man Keeler es-
caped in his nightshirt, and was found
standing at the gate, gazing in a dazed
manner at the burning shack by Herbert
Holdis, son of the keeper of the Old
Men's Home. He was placed in a
hack, whose driver had been attracted
to the scene by the blaze and taken
to the Old Men's Home. He was wringing
his hands and wondering what had
become of his wife and child. Later the
searchers found their charred bodies
burned until they were unrecognizable,
buried among the ruins of the destroyed
shack, in which the Keelers have for
some time made their home.

The cause of the fire is unknown, for
nothing is left but a heap of embers to
mark where the home stood, but the
general supposition is that the Keelars
upset a lamp. According to the neighbors,
they were quarreling earlier in the
night, for Mrs. Keeler and her children
passed the Keeler residence about
8:30 p.m. She had them using very
sharp language and scuffling. Others tell
of quarreling between the Keelars. The
survivor, the old man, says that he and
the woman and child retired at 8:30 p.m.,
and he was awakened by the crackling
of the burning bushes to see the
house in flames. He ran out and stood
at the gate of the fence which surrounded
the house, dazed and hardly knowing
what to do.

The building burned quickly, and
hardly had the old man left it in his
nightshirt when it was shrouded in
flame and the victims of the flames
must have been quickly overcome. It
was about 10:15 when the fire was seen
from the city, and the bodies of the
Keelars were found in the bushes near
the shack, which were burnt
down about a year ago. They were a
ways in trouble ever since living in the
immigrant sheds, not only quarreling among
themselves, but in their difficulties with
tenants, and on several occasions
the old man armed himself with a shot
gun and threatened to shoot those inter-
fering with him. On one occasion he
fashioned a bow and arrow to go on the
war path after the boys who annoyed
him. The people of the vicinity were
anxious about his undesirable neighbors.

When the sheds were burned down the
family went out to Cedar Hill district
and after Mr. Gray lost his life by falling
over the cliff on Dallas road, they
moved to his cabin amongst the clumps
of trees facing the roadway, half-way
down the hill from Clover point to Ross
Bay cemetery.

The Keelars have been well known
characters of this city for several years,
having come here five or six years ago
from Vancouver and taking up their
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Survivors of The Matteawan

Manzanita Leaves For Destruction Island Where Signals of Distress Were Seen.

Missing Collier Sighted Laboring Heavily During Gale of December Third.

Small hope is held for the steam collier Matteawan now 12 days out from Nanaimo for San Francisco, and it is now generally believed that she met the fate of the steam colliers Montserrat and Kewaham, which foundered in a November storm after leaving the Straits four or five years ago, both going down in the same storm. Although the wreckage found by the Indians of Neah bay near Ozette, 20 miles south of Cape Flattery, is not sufficient to prove that the steamer has gone down, the slight hope that have been held out for her arrival, and the impression of the majority of shipping men is that she has foundered with all on board. She sailed from Nanaimo on December 2 with 4,980 tons of coal, and was last seen after leaving the Straits by Lightship No. 67, which is stationed off Umatilla reef. According to a special despatch received by the Colonist last night, the captain of the lightship reports that the Matteawan was laboring heavily when sighted on December 3, the first day of the heavy southerly gale which caused much destruction of shipping. As usual the collier saluted the lightship with three prolonged blasts of her whistle, and it was when attention was thus attracted that the crew of the lightship saw what to those watching the vessel that she was laboring heavily, and the lightship crew say that in the storm which increased in fury with the passing hours the collier would have stood small chance of surviving after she had been sighted.

A special despatch to the Colonist from its Seattle correspondent says: "The United States lighthouse tender Manzanita, left yesterday afternoon for Destruction island, where it is thought the shipwrecked crew of the collier Matteawan is awaiting rescue. On Tuesday night the Manzanita passed by the island on her voyage from Astoria to Seattle and noticed signals of distress being made, apparently by some shipwrecked crew, but the weather was so bad that Captain Gregory decided to go to Seattle and coal, and then go back to the rescue, which course he followed, departing again for the island yesterday."

"Several things lead Captain Gregory to believe that the stranded mariners on the island were the crew of the Matteawan. Wreckage bearing the ship's name has come ashore south of Cape Flattery. Second Mate E. C. Wilson, of the vessel was formerly a second mate on the Manzanita and was fully familiar with the lighthouses on Destruction island, which is situated 40 miles from where the wreckage bearing the name of the collier was found by Indians. The Manzanita should have reached the island some time yesterday and providing the weather allows a safe landing will arrive at Astoria today. It is from that point that the first news will come as to the identity of the wrecked people. Even if they are not from the Matteawan there is no question but what these compose the crew of some ship which has met grief off the coast."

The United States Treasury department has despatched the revenue cutters Bear and McCulloch to search the coast from the lighthouses on Destruction island, which is situated 40 miles from where the wreckage bearing the name of the collier was found by Indians. The Manzanita should have reached the island some time yesterday and providing the weather allows a safe landing will arrive at Astoria today. It is from that point that the first news will come as to the identity of the wrecked people. Even if they are not from the Matteawan there is no question but what these compose the crew of some ship which has met grief off the coast.

YESTERDAY'S VICTORIES.

Leyland Brothers Put in to San Francisco.

Twelve days from Astoria the British ship Leyland Brothers, Capt. Bailey, bound for Queenstown with a cargo of wheat, put into San Francisco on Thursday in distress. It will be perhaps 10 days before the ship resumes her trip, and in the meantime necessary repairs will be made and the crew will be shipped. The Leyland Brothers was in heavy gales off the northern coast. Capt. Bailey reports that he sailed from Astoria on November 30, the cargo consisting

of 75,779 centals of wheat, valued at \$72,000.

On December 3 a hurricane came up, throwing the ship over on her beam ends. The steel rail, was under water for 12 hours, the cargo shifted to the port and the lower foretop sailyard and the main and foretop sails were carried away. Slight deck damage was also done. Upon entering the harbor the Leyland Brothers appeared to be in good condition and the ship was on an even keel.

On board the information was given out that the great trouble was with 10 Frenchmen who had been shipped as crew at Astoria. None of them could speak a word of English, and when the gales sprang up and it was necessary to work rapidly the Frenchmen were almost absolutely useless. Handicapped in this manner Capt. Bailey thought it expedient to put in for a new crew.

A despatch from the Bay City tells of other crippled vessels arriving there. The despatch dated Thursday, says: "All kinds of vessels from the North have met the force of the great storms along the northern coast during the past few days. The northern coast during the past few days has been in a continual state of repair with nothing to report. Today the schooner Julia, Steel, Captain Krebs, 22 days from Grays Harbor, reached port with a cargo of 340,000 feet of lumber. For the first 15 days out the vessel was in strong southeast and southerly gales, and at the height of the storm was hoisted by a great wave that carried away the compass case and binoculars."

The schooner Dolbeer arrived from Newberg and reported that on November 27 her steamer cargo was washed over in a gale. The American ship Dolbeer bound from British Columbia for Ketchikan, which started to put in here last evening for repairs, had not come in up to this afternoon. The ship lost her main and foretopgallant and topgallant in a storm a few days ago off the Oregon coast. The schooner Lidius, which has arrived at San Pedro, Calif., reports that she was far-bound at Unalaska where she loaded a herring and lost her mainmast, two ribs, the two gaffs and gear, and 35,000 feet of lumber.

STRIKING WRECKS VESSEL.

Current Works Channel Under the Bark Ernest Meyer.

A despatch from Honolulu says the bark Ernest Meyer, which was caught in the breaking up of the French bark Ernest Meyer on the beach at the mouth of the Quinault river is a peculiar one.

As reported by F. W. Oliver, of Gravina, she was resting nearly crosswise with the outlet of the stream with a current passing around each end. The current finally worked through under the centre of the ship and deepened the chafed rapidly until the vessel rested on the two ends. Her back is steadily breaking.

Had the vessel been lengthwise with the channel her prospects for getting away uninjured would have been good, for the reason that the Quinault has a deep channel to the sea and extreme high tides this month would have floated her.

A FAST TRIP.

Ship Elizabeth Nicholson Makes Smart Passage from Shanghai.

The ship Elizabeth Nicholson arrived yesterday morning in tow of the tug Sun Lion after a fast passage from Shanghai. She was only 32 days from the Chinese port to the Cape, one of the best runs on record across the ocean. She spent seven days off the entrance to the straits, however before being picked up by the Sun Lion.

She did not suffer during the recent storms, having good weather all the way across. She will leave on Monday for Vancouver to load lumber at Hastings mills on her owners' account. She is owned by the Shanghai Dock company, who are building docks at Woosung.

MIOWERA SAILS.

Australian Liner Carries Large Cargo for the Antipodes.

R. M. S. Miowera sailed from the outer wharf last night with a full cargo of freight and a good passenger list. She did not load any cargo here, her space being all taken up with through shipments, including machinery, paper and general merchandise from Eastern Canada. When the Miowera sailed on the 15th of last month she sacrificed her berthing space for freight and encountered heavy weather was delayed, and arrived at Honolulu with empty bunkers.

The Miowera has sailed from Australia with 21 saloon passengers, 15 second cabin and 6 steerage, and 35 tons of freight for this port. The list of passengers on the Miowera was published yesterday morning.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Queen City sailed at midnight for Honolulu and way ports on the Island and coast. Her cargo included lumber shipments for Alberni and Clayoquot. She had a small complement of passengers, among whom were Miss Josephine Tilden, of the Port Renfrew botanical station, and Mrs. Tilden, S. McKenzie, of Alberni, H. C. Caldwell, A. H. Molder, W. Hayes, W. Benson, H. C. Newton and Dr. Service.

Steamer Tees will sail for Naus and way ports on Monday night.

The brigantine Blakely, owned by the Pacific Coast Development & Exploration company, formed to seek the Coos island treasure, will go on Tuesday's ways this morning.

At the conclusion of the programme, the boys sang, "God Save the King," and then gave three hearty cheers for Sir Henri Joly, Mr. and Mrs. Laing and Rev. Mr. Sharp, Mr. Muskett and M. Jackson, their masters.

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Upper Fifth Form Kerfoot

Lower Fifth Form Jukes

Fourth Form Belyea

Third Form Phair

Upper Second Form Spurr

Lower Second Form Stoddart

First Form Fletcher

Divinity Prize for the Upper School Keeler, with 99 per cent.

Divinity Prize for Lower School Stephen

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THE INTERCOLONIAL

Brief mention was made in these columns a day or two ago of the effort of the Halifax Board of Trade to persuade the Dominion government to hand over the Intercolonial Railway to the Canadian Pacific. The stock argument in all Intercolonial Railway matters was relied upon, namely that the line does not pay. We know it does not pay directly, but we are not prepared to admit that it does not pay indirectly. Still less are we prepared to admit that it may not become a profitable asset of Canada, judged even from the mere revenue point of view. So far from favoring such a proposal, the Colonist would gladly support a measure to broaden the scope of the Intercolonial and make it for the whole of Canada what its founders intended it should be for the original provinces of the Confederation, that is a commercial link between all parts of the Dominion.

At present the Intercolonial connects the Cities of Halifax and St. John with Quebec and Montreal. The Quebec connection is not complete for want of a bridge but this defect is likely to be soon remedied. There are a number of towns along the line of the road, but it was not well located from the standpoint of local traffic. It has a good many feeders in the Maritime provinces, and there are portions of it, notably the line between St. John and Halifax, which must pay very well, but it cannot be claimed that the road business of New Brunswick, and Quebec has developed as was expected. There is plenty to maintain a local railway, but not one of the standard of the Intercolonial. It must be remembered that great changes have taken place in railway matters since the Intercolonial was built, and it is no discredit to the projectors of the line to say that they could not have anticipated the degree of expense that would be necessary to enable the line to compete with others. Moreover one of the principal reasons for building the line, namely, the development of interprovincial trade, was rendered less effectual than it would otherwise have been by the construction of the line of the C. P. R. across the State of Maine, whereby the distance between Montreal and the seacoast of the Maritime Provinces was materially reduced. This has compelled the government road to compete over a greater distance with the C. P. R., to the manifest disadvantage of the former.

No one need hesitate about admitting that in a direct sense the Intercolonial has been a failure, but this is no reason why the road should be handed over to any private company. The question presents itself to us in this way: Canada has a line of railway, owned and operated by the government, and to a certain degree competitor with the other main lines of communication. This ought under proper management to be a public advantage. We say "under proper management" not to suggest that the management has not been proper hitherto, but simply as qualification necessary in speaking of any undertaking. If this government line is not as valuable as it might be, and if the returns from it are not as satisfactory as the people would like, the proper course to take is

to strengthen the line by giving it new connections. If the road has not at present sufficient business, the government ought to do what a company, financially able, would do in similar circumstances, that is, extend the line into new fields from which business can be drawn. It was for this reason that the line was extended into Montreal. It is for this reason that 24 connections with Sydney, Cape Breton, are being improved. Probably these augmentations of the capacity of the road will in the course of not a very long time enable the line to pay its way, but speaking from a Western standpoint, we submit that the government should do more, and should reach out for a larger share of Western business, until the time comes when the Intercolonial shall be the Eastern portion of a transcontinental system.

The line now ends at Montreal. Our claim is that it should be extended to Georgian Bay at the earliest possible day. This can be done by the acquisition of the Canada Atlantic. From Georgian Bay the road can make good connections with the West, and we submit that the way to do so is by putting on Lake Huron and Lake Superior car ferries after the style of the Pere Marquette, which plies across Lake Michigan. Our suggestion is that the Huron ferry should plies to a point on the north shore of that lake near the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, and that a short land line should be built across the narrow neck of land separating Huron from Superior, and that when the latter lake is reached the ferry should transfer the cars to any point on that lake having a railway terminus. As the Canadian Pacific has its own land line and lake passenger service, it would necessarily not co-operate with the government line, but the Canadian Northern has no eastern outlet of its own, and traffic arrangements could doubtless be made with it. Moreover the Canadian Northern is not yet completed, but will be before Parliament asking for subsidies to enable it to extend its rails to the Pacific Coast, and we submit that, when this time comes, Parliament can make its subsidy conditional upon the arrangement that the Intercolonial with its lake and rail line to the seaboard shall be the traffic ally of the western line and shall exchange business with it. We are stating the proposition in a crude way, but readers will know what we mean. Such a plan could, we submit, be so carried out that the Intercolonial, owned and operated by the government, would control a transcontinental line, and so place Canada in the unique position of having a line from ocean to ocean with the management of which the representatives of the people would have something to say, and from the profits of which the revenue of Canada would derive some advantage.

The Toronto Globe discusses the matter from a more local standpoint than we have done, but reaches the same conclusion, namely that the government should retain the line. What it says will be of interest here, because it is said that the Halifax Board of Trade will ask the various Boards throughout Canada to express themselves on the subject. We quote the Globe:

While it was a purely local concern, with but little prospect of yielding a profit to any private corporation, there was no suggestion of removing it from the control of the Railway Department. But now that it is a force in the trans-ports of the Province of Canada, a regulator of rates, and an important link between the commercial metropolis and the Atlantic ports, it has assumed a more attractive aspect. The merchants and manufacturers of Eastern Canada should consider well the difference between a railway service maintained for the accommodation of the public and one maintained with a single eye to the earning of dividends. An entirely different policy would be adopted if the Intercolonial could not pass under Canadian Pacific management.

The severe discriminations practised extensively on all railways under corporate control would soon be felt.

Services not profitable to the company would be discontinued without regard to the convenience of shippers or of the traveling public. The discriminations adopted to favor the boats of the company on the upper lakes might be used for similar purposes in the Maritime Provinces. In fact, the transfer of the road would put the eastern provinces completely under the control of the Canadian Pacific.

Fairs which are causing serious dissatisfaction in the west. It is not an adverse reflection on the Canadian Pacific Railways to say that it is operated in the interests of its shareholders, nor that its uncontrolled monopoly results in serious abuses. Such evils as have developed are inherent in the system that has been allowed to grow up. We must absolutely refrain from creating or strengthening transportation monopoly till we have, demands and our allies to control them already in existence. The wording of the resolution of the Halifax Board of Trade, and the premises attached, suggest that it was the result of a compromise between divergent views. But it deals with one of the most important features of our transportation problem. At the present time, and in the light of current tendencies in regard to the management of highways, the transfer of the road from public to private control won't seem a retrograde step. A railway system like the Intercolonial is too important and valuable a possession to be lightly parted with, especially while it may be used to bring pressure on private corporations otherwise apparently beyond public control.

The Globe caused leading business men of Toronto to be interviewed and while some of them said they had not given the subject much consideration and rather evaded a direct expression of opinion, none of them appear to have been in favor of the project while the most of them strongly condemned it. We are glad the subject has come up, for its discussion may bring the future of the Intercolonial and its bearing upon the development of Canada under the notice of the public as it could have been brought in no other way.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Manila Times of October 28 does not give a very rosy picture of the prospects of the pacification of those islands. It tells of the spread of insurrectionary uprisings and says the gravest apprehensions are felt for the future, especially in Cebu, Samar and Leyte, which though not the largest are among the most important members of the group. A correspondent of the Manila paper, speaking of General Smith's policy in Samar says: "The Americans are indifferent whether the islands has to be devastated or not." And again: "The insurrection must be crushed at any cost, and General Smith is intent upon a severe policy, the word being 'No quarter for Lukban'—Shoot but never capture—No surrender accepted." This

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Exceedingly severe course is being taken notwithstanding efforts by Lukban's friends to arrange terms of surrender. In view of this, it is not very clear what ground our friends across the border have for finding fault with the comparatively indulgent methods adopted by Lord Kitchener in South Africa. It is said, and no one will be surprised, that the harsh tactics of the United States commanders are driving many Filipinos into the field, and it is a sad comment upon the administration of affairs that districts, that were said to have been fully pacified are now almost as badly disturbed as ever.

Our irrational neighbor across the streets says that the following question propounded by this paper to itself is a reflection upon Mr. Bodwell's motives: "Now will the Times inform us if Mr. Bodwell knew the line that is the part of the V. V. & E. now under construction by the Great Northern would be built would be subsidized or not?" What earthly hearing has this upon Mr. Bodwell's motive in pressing the demand of his clients for a subsidy? If our contemporary will tell us, we will endeavor to show that it has no such bearing.

The establishment of a telephone line to Nanaimo will be a great convenience, especially as there will be several way stations. The service as installed is highly satisfactory. If telephone subscribers in this city like to test it, they are at liberty to do so gratuitously for the remainder of the year by ringing up any one in Nanaimo whom they may wish to talk with. The enterprise of the company in putting in this line will no doubt meet with its proper reward.

The clouds are getting thick over South America. It seems as if it would be next to impossible to keep Chile and Argentina apart any longer. The statement is made that Colombia will cast in her lot with Chile, but Colombia is a long distance away and has enough trouble of her own. She will hardly like to weaken herself at home for the sake of helping her southern ally.

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These are only a few of the lines we have which would be appreciated by ladies. If space allowed of a list many times the size of this, it might be given you. The assortment is very large and beautiful.

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You may fully intend to insure tomorrow? How do you know there will be a tomorrow for you? Insure today! Do not wait because of your present inability to carry a large amount; a small policy is better than none. Besides, while you are waiting, the cost is increasing! Take out a policy for some amount now, while you can get it.

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Cash Seized In Gambling House
Goes to the City
Treasury.

Cases Heard Before Magistrate
In the City Police Court
Yesterday Morning.

TO BE RECOMMITTED.
Sewerage By-law Will Again Be Placed
Before Ratepayers on December 30.

The sewerage by-law is to be recommended. This measure, which was defeated by 22 votes on October 10, will again be placed before the ratepayers on Monday, December 30, 1901, a petition signed by 333 ratepayers—which is in excess of the fifteenth of the ratepayers required by statute—having been received by the council, the petitioners asking, as per the statute, to pay all costs, should the by-law be again defeated.

A special meeting of the council was held last night, at which the petition and the accompanying certificates of Commissioner J. L. Raynor and Assessor Northcott, the former stating that the by-law would cost about \$275, and the latter certifying that the statutory number of electors had signed the petition, were received and filed. The council were unanimous on the matter and the business was quickly transacted.

W. W. Norcott was appointed returning officer, and the usual polling places will be used. The booths will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The word "bridge" did not come within the subject of conversation at the meeting, but after the business in connection with the sewerage by-law had been completed, a private meeting was held, and it may be that the much-discussed question was then considered.

Most of the cases set for hearing in the city police court yesterday had to be adjourned until this morning, as Chief Langley was busy at the meeting of the licensing commissioners. Besides the argument as to whether the money seized in the raid on the Chinese gambling house on Sunday should be returned to the Chinamen occupied considerable time. Mr. A. C. Anderson appeared for the Chinamen and contended that the money must be returned. It was seized by Detective Perdue, who saw the sack containing it sticking out of the pocket of one of the Chinamen, who was fined \$20. The magistrate held it otherwise, and the money goes to the city. His authority for this decision is contained in sub-section 3 of section 575 of the criminal code, which reads as follows: "The justice before whom any person is taken by virtue of an order or warrant under this section may direct any cards, dice, balls, counters, tables, or other instruments of gaming, or used in playing any game or betting, or any such instruments or devices for carrying or carrying on of any such scheme, contrivance or operation, or any such lottery tickets, so seized as aforesaid, to be forthwith destroyed, and any money or securities so seized shall be forfeited to the crown for the public uses of Canada."

The hearing of the charge of assault against R. McPhadden was finally concluded and McPhadden was fined \$10. The case of Thomas Spavin, charged with stealing \$81 from the proprietress of the International hotel on Johnson street, was remanded until Monday. An application was made for bail, which was allowed in the sum of \$500. Spavin was endeavoring yesterday to get some responsible party to stand on his bail. Four Chinamen charged with an infraction of the wash house by-law by spouting water on clothes from their mouths, were remanded until today. A resident of Victoria West, W. Walker, was charged with refusing to support his wife. The case was adjourned until Tuesday. A charge against a small boy of a breach of the peace by swearing was dismissed.

Naval Reserve.—Owing to a considerable number of seafarers and seamen not being present at the meeting of the Navy League on Thursday evening, by reason of being employed on the construction of a naval reserve, the Navy League has been specially requested by those who have already enrolled their names on the reserve list, to call another meeting before the departure of the seafarers on their season's voyage. In compliance with the request the league has decided to hold another meeting on Friday evening next, possibly in the same place, which will take the form of a social to seafarers, seafarers and others. Those who have given in their names to join the reserve, are so anxious to see the scheme carried out that they have agreed to bring as many seafarers men to the entertainment as possible. Under this encouraging influence the gathering should be well attended.

Mining Deal.—Mr. John Marshall of Lillooet, is in town, and he states that a few days ago the Anderson Lake group, in which he is the heaviest shareholder, was disposed of to a San Francisco syndicate by option, for \$60,000.

The option is a very short one, being for one month, but as the old owners have a ten-stamp mill in operation, and two stamp mills a good distance into the place which follows down the side of the mountain, the matter of testing the property can be very quickly carried out.

Mr. Marshall says the price is altogether inadequate, but he and his partners are anxious to get men of capital into the country to overcome the prejudices which was created by the unprincipled wildcatters which took place some time ago.

The property in question has a well-defined ledge of 14 feet of white quartz, carrying free gold valued from \$5 to \$150. This can be treated for about \$150 a ton at the stamp mill on the property, so that the question of making the mine pay is scarcely a matter of speculation.

DRILL HALL CONCERT
TONIGHT.

Regimental Band—Choice Program

The Clearance Sale at "The Sterling" will continue until the entire stock is disposed of.

A Presentation.—The officers of the Waspire, before her departure from Esquimalt for England, presented Mr. and Mrs. Bridges of Comox, with a souvenir in the form of a large marble and silver clock. It was given as a token of their appreciation of kindness shown to them during the visits of the flagship to Comox.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Raymond took place at 10:30 yesterday afternoon, from the family residence on Belleville street. There were a large number of beautiful floral offerings. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barnelough, and the pall-bearers were: Messrs. H. Dallas Holmekin, M.P.P., Noah Shakespeare, Lawrence Goodacre, A. Gallaher, J. Keown and W. G. Cameron.

Chancery Offices.—The C. P. R. company, at the beginning of the New Year, will take over the office at present occupied by A. W. More, on Government street. The Royal Bank of Canada will occupy the premises vacated by the C. P. R. It is said the well known broker will move to the MacGregor block and occupy the office of the Similkameen company. The C. P. R. will make some alterations and improvements in their new premises before moving.

Meeting of Creditors.—The creditors of Thomas Roberts held a formal meeting yesterday afternoon. It was explained that the meeting had been called in order to comply with the law, and that an adjournment be taken as he had no statement to present, not having had sufficient time to make a thorough examination of the accounts. A staff of accountants is working day and night on the books and Mr. Roberts hopes to be in a position to lay a full statement of the affairs before the creditors at an early date.

Cable Buildings.—Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, of this city, has prepared the plans for the buildings to be erected at the cable station on the West Coast of the Island, and he will shortly call for a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 120 feet. It is T-shaped, one wing being for the offices and the other a sort of hold for the 20 employees to be there. It will have all the conveniences of a hotel. There will also be a bungalow for the manager and a laundry building. These buildings there will be lighted by electric light and there will be a water service from a mountain stream.

In the Supreme court, Mr. Justice Walker heard the argument of Mr. Peters, K. C., in the case of McPhillips vs. Shiers vs. Moody was adjourned till next sitting of the court, January 9.

Chamberlain vs. Biggar and City of Victoria, guardians of the minor, was granted to a recent proceeding on behalf of the city as Biggar had served notice of having assigned his judgment.

Stay of execution was extended to January 31, amount of claim to be paid into court by the city, and that issue between the plaintiff and assignee be tried at the January sittings of the court.

In the Supreme court, Mr. Justice Walker heard the argument of Mr. Peters, K. C., in the case of McPhillips vs. Dunsniur, on a motion for judgment on grounds published in yesterday's Colonist. The motion was made pro forma to preserve defendant's rights should an appeal be taken.

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December 14, 1901.

Third Letter

From Santa Claus



Santa Fights the Boers

EN ROUTE TO THE WESTSIDE. DEAR MR. MANAGER: What a dreadful time I have had with those horrid Boers I told you about in my last letter. I had just given my deer their breakfast, and they were prancing about, when I saw a lot of ugly fellows sneaking behind some rocks. I did not want to fight unless I was forced to, for fear the Boers would steal or damage my toys, and what would my dear young friends do then, Mr. Manager? I don't like to think about it.

Well, I just jumped into my sleigh and put my deer to their best speed, and made a dash at them. I would have pleased all my little friends to see how they ran when I charged, and how they did shout for me to stop them, when I got to close quarters. Those cruel fellows had taken a pretty little English girl captive, I managed to rescue her with great difficulty, and will try and bring her along with me to "THE GROTTO."

My Deer and myself are quite done up after such a terrible day, but we will be all right in the morning; then, ho, for Victoria and "The Westside."

Give my best love to all my dear little Victoria friends and believe me.

Your Faithful Old Friend,

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The spasm at the top of the wind pipe or bronchial tubes, "ball rising in the throat," violent beating of the heart, laughing and crying by turns, muscular spasms (throwing the arms about), frightened by the most insignificant occurrences—are all symptoms of a hysterical condition and serious derangement of the female organs.

Any female complaint may produce hysterics, which must be regarded as a symptom only. The cause, however, yields quickly to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which acts at once upon the organ afflicted and the nerve centres, dispelling effectually all those distressing symptoms.



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DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to speak a good word for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. For years I had ovarian trouble and suffered everything from nervousness, severe headache, and pain in back and abdomen. I had consulted different physicians, but decided to try your medicine, and I soon found it was giving me much relief. I continued it and now am feeling like a new person, physically and mentally, and am glad to add one more testimonial to the value of your remedy.—MRS. M. H. LEWIS, 2103 Valentine Ave., Tremont, New York, N.Y.

Writing to Mrs. Pinkham is the quickest and surest way to get the right advice about all female troubles. Her address is Lynn, Mass. She advises women free. Following is an instance:

Mrs. Haven's First Letter to Mrs. Pinkham.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I would like your advice in regard to my troubles. I suffer every month at time of menstruation, and flow so much, and for so long that I become very weak, also get very dizzy. I am troubled with a discharge before and after menses, have pains in ovaries so bad sometimes that I can hardly get around, have sore feeling in lower part of bowels, pain in back, bearing-down feeling, a desire to pass urine frequently, with pains in passing it; have leucorrhœa, headache, fainting spells, and sometimes have hysteria. My blood is not in good condition. Hoping to hear from you, I am, Mrs. EMMA HAVEN, 2508 South Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa. (June 3, 1899.)

Mrs. Haven's Second Letter.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to express my gratitude for what you have done for me. I suffered for four years with womb troubles. Every month I flowed very badly. I got so bad that I could hardly do my work. Was obliged to sit or lie down most of the time. I doctorred for a long time, but obtained no relief. I began using your remedies—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Blood Purifier, Sanative Wash and Liver Pills—and now feel like a new woman.—MRS. EMMA HAVEN, 2508 South Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa. (Feb. 1, 1900.)

\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000 which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special permission.

Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.

Movement on Foot to Equalize Wages on Canadian Systems.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special)—A movement is on foot among telegraph operators, which aims at the equalization of wages paid by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk. The movement is the result of renumeration of this class of employees all over Canada. Organization officers have left Montreal for the purpose of traveling over both systems in order to ascertain the feelings of the men employed in various centres. It is claimed that the G. T. R. pay less than the C. P. R., but what is aimed at is the establishment on both systems of a minimum wage for operators of \$50 per month.

PERMISSION TO WASH.

But the Western Man Was Not Grateful to Young Officer.

The following story is told about a Stratford trooper. The British had reached the Crocodile river after three weeks' hard fighting, and the men were informed that they might go to the river to bathe. One young officer, however, appeared to the contrary of his orders. He was sitting on a log, and when asked if I might wash my hands, he told me to wash my body, too, and asked me why I spoke to him about it, and I told him I thought he owned the river. There was nothing more in that than that." The court smiled and the order was, "Right about turn! Join your regiment!"

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THE NEHALEM WAX MYSTERY

New Light on Subject Which Has Caused Much Antiquarian Speculation.

At the last meeting of the Natural History society, Mr. J. R. Anderson, read the following letter and newspaper article, which caused much speculation as to the origin of the mysterious wax and the specimen of unknown wood.

Portland, Ore., November 30, 1901.

J. R. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.:

Dear Sir—I mail you today under separate cover a small piece of the Nehalem Wax and also a piece of the wood of the supposed ship that the wax came in. I regret that I could not get you a larger sample. If you wish to follow up the data on this subject you will find two articles in the Evening Telegram of this city under date of November 6, 1899, and January 4, 1900. Also a 300 page book entitled "Nehalem—A Story of the Pacific," A. D. 1700, by Thomas H. Roders, J. K. Gill & Co., of this city can furnish you a copy if your book store cannot. They will tell what kind of wood this is I would be glad to know. The sample came from a timber one foot square, and was found six to eight feet under the quicksand, one quarter of a mile from the present shore line. Thanking you for courteous attention during my brief visit to your beautiful city, and with best wishes.

I am, yours truly,
L. L. HAWKINS.

A valuable addition to the free city museum has been secured by Colonel Hawkins. It is a piece of the historic beeswax from Nehalem which has puzzled antiquarians and geologists and opened a wide field for speculation. The block of wax, Colonel Hawkins has secured has inscribed upon it Latin characters.

What puzzles those who have studied this subject is the vast quantity of the wax found scattered along the beach. There are tons of it in a distance of 50 miles. From the fact that it was found embedded in the sand above where the highest tides reach, the date of its deposit is judged to be several centuries back, probably before America was ever known to the civilized world.

In the October number of the Native Sons' Journal, Samuel L. Clarke has a very interesting article regarding the Nehalem wax.

"When Lewis and Clark wintered at the mouth of the Columbia—not quite a century ago—they learned the first we knew officially of this dotsome of the seas, for they told of seeing it in the hands of natives," says the writer. "In 1818, Mr. Henry, connected with the fur trade, who traveled up the coast of what he saw, published in the British paper that beeswax had been dug out of the sand and was found drifting on the ocean shore, to his great wonderment. It is thus evident that the memory of living man goes not back to the time when this beeswax was not known, to the natives of the mouth of the great river.

"My personal cognizance of it goes back to 1870, when my family made a summer trip from the Willamette to Kamloops, 50 or 60 miles south of the Columbia, and brought back small pieces of this wax, as also specimens of artifacts concerning the ancient wrecks that might have left it there. The bones of two wrecks were then to be seen at the mouth of the Nehalem river, that enters the ocean a few miles north of Tilla-mook bay."

"The Indians then occupied their ancient fishing grounds and hunted in the Coast range adjoining. Their story of historic wrecks varied. The sands of Nehalem seem to have rivaled Sicily and Chryseis in the number of wrecks, for they related the story of one ship that met its fate on one side of the entrance, from which a number were saved. These lamented their fate and wept bitter tears as they looked over the sunset seas toward the shores of the Orient, where the waves were chanting the anthem of the 'Never-more,' as friends unavailingly awaited their homecoming. But in time they made homes and found wives, leaving descendants whose almond eyes tell of their Oriental origin to this day.

"Since returning from Astoria I have

"Sleevs rolled up, and commenced like this: 'General, we've had a hard day's march, haven't we?' 'Yes,' replied Buller, with a smile, 'but you must not be afraid—' 'Well,' continued the trooper, 'we came alongside the Crocodile river. You call it a river, but in our country we call it a stream. Ye see that young thug over there pointing to the young officer, sir, who is wearing his monocle. She was doing everything to him. I told him I might wash my hands, he told me to wash my body, too, and asked me why I spoke to him about it, and I told him I thought he owned the river. There was nothing more in that than that.' The court smiled and the order was, 'Right about turn! Join your regiment!'

Karl's Clover Root Tea corrects the Stomach

Others had the letters 'I. H. N.' for the Latin, "In hoc nomen" (in this name). Some had only the letter 'N,' surrounded with a diamond. This, with the perfect tapers of different sizes, places it beyond doubt that the beeswax was intended for stores of the Catholic missions that were on the coast 150 years ago.

"A very clear story, of Indian descent, traces an Indian family to a red-haired white man saved from a wreck about the year 1740. The conditions of wrecks they occurred very long ago. The presence of that quantity of wax found in a sandbank that is at least 10 feet above the highest tides and 100 fathoms from the present shore, challenges the record of time as to how long it may have been since this beach has risen out of the sea, and so locate the era when this wreck could have occurred.

"It is well known that this Western coast is gradually rising from the sea, but that it would rise 15 or more feet before the cargo buried in the sand would be unearthed, must have required a term that spanned more than a century.

"The oldest of the Indians told a tradition handed down of a vessel lost very long ago; that all on board were lost, and the vessel went gradually to decay; then the beeswax began to come to the surface. They did not know what to put it to; some tried burning it, and found it was good fuel, but wood was better, so it was not burned. They had an idea it might be bad medicine; so they quit burning it. This is the only tradition coming from Indian sources.

"Since 1806 white men have known of the Nehalem beeswax; geologists tell that the West Coast is rising from the sea; that the Willamette valley was once a sound, this wax is spread along the coast for 50 or more miles; therefore, it is not unreasonable to believe that the quantity at the beginning was far more than we have knowledge of. But the most interesting question is, How came any such mission craft to be in this latitude a century and a half ago?"—Evening Telegram, Portland, November 6, 1899.

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver, J. R. Young, E. R. Bergman, T. F. McKenzie, A. McDonald, A. G. McCandless, T. Lynn, W. E. Burns, A. E. Garnett, H. Donville, E. Cook, J. Coote, Mrs. Tufts, Jas. Firth and wife, W. G. Simpson, Olaf, Mrs. Lee, H. Lee, R. A. Hart, Mrs. Horner, G. Collier, A. B. Hall, G. M. Leishman, J. E. Sutton, E. J. Wheeler, Capt. Christensen, R. M. Palmer, H. Darley, D. R. Ker, Thos. Dunn, R. J. Ford, F. P. R. Ratcliffe, Jno. J. Parker, Martin, Brechin, Ritchie, E. H. Whittle, Passengers per steamer Rosalie from Sandil: B. Crudekshank, J. E. Forshee, Miss Williams, Capt. J. B. Sanderson, E. P. Stoddard, G. H. Spratt, E. F. Scott and W. T. D. Deegan, G. S. Edmund, Wm. Gordon, John Wilson, W. Mugford, Rev. E. Knapp, B. Reynolds, J. W. Craig, A. F. Gwin.

YOUNG, Mrs. ——, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523,

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 13.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer has fallen considerably and the temperature has risen over Northern British Columbia, while off the Oregon coast there is a slight fall. The air approaching high area which may cause unsettled milder weather at first, followed by fairer weather. Sharp frosts have again spread southward from California, while in the Far North the temperatures range from 20 to 30 below zero.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min. Max.
Victoria	35 40
New Westminster	33 38
Kelowna	32 36
Barkerdale	30 24
Calgary	4 2
Winnipeg	35 18
Portland, Ore.	38 34
San Francisco	42 54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Saturday.

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, chiefly southerly, unsettled and milder with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, mostly east and milder, with occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.

Deg. 5 a.m. 35 Mean. 35 36 Highest. 40 37 Lowest. 33 34

5 p.m. 39

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Rain—0.01 inches.

Barometer at noon—0.0000. Corrected. 30.316

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected. 30.338

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YUKON COAL SEAMS.

Sale of Find Near White Horse Tas.

Been Carried Through.

Fred. P. White, of the V.-Y. Trading Company, arrived from White Horse on Wednesday, and will be in town for some weeks. Mr. White confirms the reported sale of coal measures 12 miles from White Horse, the purchasing firm being The More Investment company, of Seattle, and the consideration in the neighborhood of \$250,000, the first payment of \$10,000 having been made just before the recently returned Victorian left White Horse. The seam is reported to be 12 feet thick and outcrops on a high bench nearly 2,000 feet above the town. The coal has been gotten out in ample quantity to test, and has given the best of results. A wagon road has been prepared to the mine and a tunnel has been started into the seam, which has a dip of about 30 degrees.

Owing to an ice jam in the river the little burg by the Yukon's rapids came nearly having a drawn-out. An ice bridge formed below the town about the middle of November, and the river, opposite White Horse rose six or eight feet, where it remained for some weeks. But a short time ago a second rise, a short distance above the town, gave way, and in consequence there was a further sudden rise in the water of nearly two feet, which took place in half an hour. This had the effect of swamping the lower portion of the town, and put the lighting company out of business, as their premises were flooded. A few more inches would have resulted in the washing away of one of the new \$200,000 river steamers, which is now on the stocks at White Horse. The waters rose two feet on her paddle wheel, but fortunately a decline in the river saved the boat.

White Horse is now, according to Mr. White, a neat little place of about 900 people, and is constantly growing, a great future for the town being looked for in the development of the rich copper veins in the neighboring district.

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Mr. A. R. Fawcett, the well known editor and proprietor of The Leader and Recorder, Toronto Junction, writes: "It is very seldom that I need medicine of any description, but this spring I got so badly run down and out of sorts generally that I became somewhat alarmed. Chancing to read a testimonial about the results derived from Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, from a gentleman whose case seemed to be identical with my own, I purchased a box, and commenced using it.

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TELEPHONE
TO NANAIMO

Line Was Formally Opened Yesterday Afternoon By Mayor Hayward.

Victorians can now communicate with Nanaimo by long distance telephone. The line was completed on Thursday afternoon, but was not put into operation until yesterday afternoon when Mayor Hayward of this city and Mayor Manson had short conversation and formally opened the line. The line is apparently a splendid one, there being no difficulty in carrying on a conversation, every word being plainly heard. On Thursday evening members of the Col. Inst. staff had an opportunity of testing the line, but no announcement was to be made of the completion until the formal opening had taken place. In formally opening the line Mayor Hayward said, "The people of Victoria send you a message of greeting and goodwill and congratulate you upon the opening of the line which is now declared open. I hope the line will bring us into closer intercourse both socially and commercially."

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SPORTS FOR THIS AFTERNOON

Number of Football Matches to Be Played Here To-day.

This afternoon at the Caledonia grounds, an association football match will be played between the Garrison and Victoria, being the second match between these two clubs this season, and should be the most closely contested one of the series. The last game resulted in a draw, and as Victoria has not been beaten this season and the Garrison only once, and then on a technicality, today's game is looked forward to by all football enthusiasts with a great deal of pleasure. If Victoria win, they will be the Garrison for first place, but if they lose the Garrison will hold a lead of four points.

The Garrison team has been considerably strengthened since the new company arrived here, with several new players who have the reputation of being exponents of the game among the army, and the Victorians although determined to play for victory, are not too confident, as the Garrison team is practically an unequal quantity, especially on the football field of a large percentage of the team. Johnson will again play half-back for Victoria, this being his first game here this season.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance, as excellent football is assured. Mr. Townsend will act as referee, and the kick off will be at 3 o'clock sharp.

The following players will represent Victoria: Tom, Jackson, backs; Goward and Schwemmer; half backs; Johnson, J. W., Losinger and Rutherford; forwards; York, Livingston, S. Lorimer, J. Lorimer and Simpson.

JUNIOR MATCH.

The High school and Northwestern teams will meet at Beacon Hill this afternoon in a Junior League match.

The High school team is as follows: Goal: W. Patterson; full backs, C. Garrison, H. Weston; half backs, C. Clark, H. Houston; forwards, T. McInnes, R. L. Nether (Captain), A. Anderson, W. Kelly, Reserves, B. Teague, F. Campbell and W. C. Creeden.

The following team will represent the Boys' Brigade this afternoon in the match with Victoria: West: Goal, Lovidge; full backs, Haughton, A. Belver; half backs, Jamieson, Temple, Johnson; forwards, J. Belver, Peden, Hog, Dunn, Parrett. Jack Lawson will act as referee.

INTERMEDIATE RUGBY.

The Victoria Intermediates are determined to be in first class trim when they visit Vancouver on the 28th, and with this end in view, a practice will be held at Oak Bay park this afternoon, when the following players are requested to be on hand at 2:30 p.m.: C. Newcombe, S. Shanks, S. Paton, W. Blackbourne, H. Marchant, A. Levy, W. Redfern, W. Heath, W. Sweetland, E. Milne, W. Newcombe, H. Jesse, D. Willemar, A. Clayton, H. Taylor, T. Goddard, A. N. Comber, L. Poole, R. Gibson, W. Corbett, R. Robert, G. Allot, W. Todd, B. Goddard, P. Harrison, J. Finlayson, G. Simmon, C. Kennedy, V. Harrison, R. McDonald, P. Andrew, and C. Keefer.

SPORT NOTES.

The second monthly medal competition of the Victoria Golf club will be held this afternoon.

The Victoria Hunt club will meet at Colwood this afternoon for a cross-country run. The hares will start at 2:45.

COMMISSIONERS INVESTIGATING

St. George's Inn Case Still Before the Licensing Board.

The Board of Police Commissioners yesterday continued their investigations into the conduct of the St. George's hotel on the Esquimalt road. The principal witness was Rev. Gordon Tanner, Methodist minister in Victoria West. From observation he came to the conclusion that there was a disorderly house, and that there was drinking there on Sunday. Since the manager had then been an improvement, but he still thought the place should be done away with. Duncan B. Robertson was called but his evidence was to the effect that he could not say whether the house was properly conducted. The only noise he heard was such as might be made by hilarious sailors.

After an adjournment, Mrs. Rothwell, owner of the property, was called, and it was stated that she had been a licensee for 18 years, and that she had spent over \$5,000 on a new building. She had about three acres of property in the vicinity, and thought the value would decline if the license was cancelled. She was a widow and the rent she received from the property was part of her income. There was a clause in the lease which provided that the house should be conducted in an orderly manner, or the lease would be cancelled. She had taken every precaution to protect the license and had never had any application for a license in which the house was conducted.

Chief Langley testified that Mr. S. Roblin, the new licensee, had always conducted the Pioneer Bodega saloon on Douglas street in a proper manner, and if he conducted the St. George's hotel in the same manner he would consider him a proper person to hold the license. There had been one or two complaints about the St. George's Inn some months back, but before the police arrived everything was quiet. The man on the beat was ordered to report any disorderly conduct, and he had not reported.

At this stage the investigation was adjourned until Wednesday next.

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